

COUNCIL BRIEFS

March 24, 2017

How-To Festival: Come join the fun at West Hartford's inaugural How-To Festival on Saturday, March 25, 10:00AM to 3:00PM at the Noah Webster Library, 20 South Main Street. Click here for [a complete listing of events](#).

Nearly forty local experts, enthusiasts, hobbyists, and professionals will share their passions with our community. Participants will introduce a topic and provide instruction or do a demonstration, which will be repeated for a changing audience throughout the day.

‘Best of’ Winners announced: Winners of the Best of *Hartford Magazine* Readers' Poll have been announced and the Town of West Hartford has a few new reasons to be proud!

- Celebrate! West Hartford: Winner - ‘Best Local Annual Event,’ and First Runner Up - ‘Best Festival’
- Rockledge Golf Course: Winner - ‘Best Public Golf Course’
- West Hartford Senior Centers: First Runner Up - ‘Best Senior Services’
- West Hartford Libraries: Winner - ‘Best Library’

Look for all the winners in the May edition of *Hartford Magazine* or [visit the website](#).

Spring Yard Waste Collection begins week of April 3: The Department of Public Works will conduct its Spring Yard Waste Collection over a three-month period to give residents the most opportunity to recycle yard waste instead of disposing of these items into the waste stream. The collection schedule is:

- April 3-7
- May 8-12
- June 5-9

"Yard Waste" is defined as leaves, pine needles, pine cones, acorns, twigs, dead plant matter and thatch. Place yard waste into a 30-gallon paper biodegradable bags and put the bags at the curb on your trash collection day.

Comments sought for 2017 Stormwater Management Plan: The Engineering Division submitted a draft of its [Stormwater Management Plan](#) to DEEP and, beginning April 1, will welcome public comment. The Town manages 180 miles of pipe and 8,000 drainage structures, designed to drain storm water from public streets or other public facilities into 300 locations along watercourses. Please direct comments to DEEP.StormwaterStaff@ct.gov or DEEP, Water Permitting and Enforcement Division, 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106, by May 31, 2017.

Roadway Reconstruction: During the 2017 construction season, the Town of West Hartford plans to reconstruct the following roadways:

- Milton Street
- Auburn Road (Fern Street to Farmington Avenue)
- King Philip Drive (Fuller Drive to Mohawk Drive)
- Bonnyview Drive
- Smallwood Road
- Middlebrook Road (North Quaker Lane to Foxcroft Road)

Michael Saraceno joins The Bridge Family Center: Mike is a Marriage and Family Therapist specializing in family dynamics, parent-child relationships, trauma, and LGBTQ identity. Mike attained his Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Saint Joseph and has spent the past several years working with at-risk youth and their families. Welcome, Mike.

Happy Retirement: On March 31st, the Town of West Hartford will celebrate Mark Hallenbeck's 43½ years of service in the Department of Public Works. An open house will be held in Room 400, 2:00-4:00 PM. Best wishes for a happy retirement!

Ronald F. Van Winkle, Town Manager